

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

New claims 454-575 have been presented in place of the previously pending claims.

The total number of claims and the number of independent claims continue to be fewer than any previously presented in this application. Therefore, no claim fee or extension fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment, apart from the fee for Applicants' Request Under 37 C.F.R. §1.129(a) To Withdraw The Finality of the September 29, 1998 Office Action which is being filed concurrently herewith. If any other fee is due in connection with this Amendment or Applicants' §1.129(a) request, however, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 05-1135.

If it would be helpful to expediting prosecution of this application, Applicants' undersigned attorney may be contacted during normal daytime business hours at (212) 583-0100, or by facsimile, at (212) 583-0150.

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